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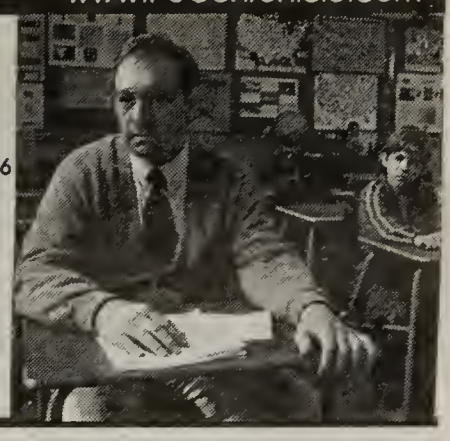

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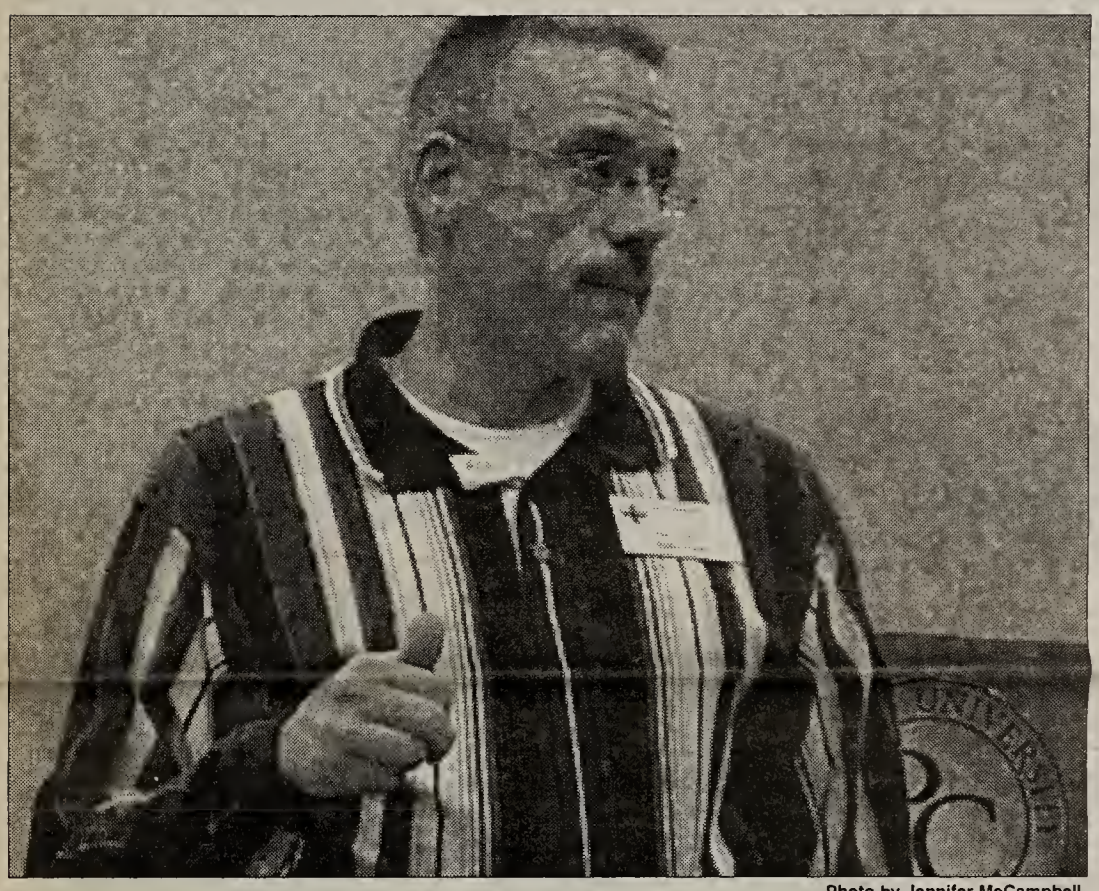
HIV seminar raises awareness of risks



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Jim Thode, assistant executive director of the Northwest Indiana Aliveness Project, discusses the reality of HIV infection and AIDS.

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For those who are not living with HIV, stereotypes make up a large part of what they know about the disease. Jim Thode, assistant director of the Aliveness Project of Northwest Indiana, is helping to change that.

Thode believes that treatments for HIV have led to a sense of complacency on the part of the public.

Thode speaks from personal experience; he is HIV positive. Thode discussed important issues and concerns regarding HIV and AIDS in a seminar at The Center on Oct. 16. Thode gives informational speeches about HIV and AIDS both nationwide and in Northwest Indiana.

According to a 1999 Centers for Disease Control report cited by Thode, 33.5 million people live with HIV and 2.5 million have died from it. A majority of these people, 60 percent, living with the disease are under the age of 24.

According to Tammy Morris, the executive director of the Aliveness Project, adults ages 22 to 24 have the highest infection rate in the country and in the state of Indiana.

Thode also said that Lake, LaPorte and Porter counties have three of the top four highest rates of people living with HIV or AIDS in Indiana. Marion County has the highest rate in Indiana.

Thode presented five risk behaviors that can result in contracting the disease. Sexual intercourse causes the greatest rate of transmission at 80 percent.

Injection drug use is the most efficient way to transmit the disease because the virus is injected straight into the bloodstream. The virus can live in a needle for up to four weeks. Unsterile body piercing/tattoos can be included in the same category of risk behavior.

The remaining risk behaviors are blood-to-blood contact, mother-to-child contact and breast-feeding.

"We need to do our part to make sure that people are informed and that current information is available for people. It is a duty of universities and other entities to provide information to save people's lives," Morris said.

Morris also said that college students have the means to be mentors for younger people to help spread the message about AIDS prevention and transmission. The media attention has died down, and the universities need to get more involved, Morris said.

Upon contracting the disease, according to Thode, 17 treatments are available for those infected. Thode's medication bottles covered half a folding table when he set them out. Thode takes 63 pills a day at a cost of $6,900 a month.

Thode said that Medicare does not cover the high costs of the medication; Medicaid does but only if the person is destitute. An infected person may be allergic to the drugs for HIV.

The side effects can be extremely severe, including things like blindness and loss of bodily function control.

The discrimination affects both the person and the family.

Sometimes the family takes part in the worst discrimination.

Thode says that Northwest Indiana has a higher amount of discrimination towards those with HIV than is seen nationally.

"The discrimination in Northwest Indiana is much like that which was experienced nationally eight years ago," Thode said.

Local hauntings keep spirit of Halloween alive

ADAM RAVEN
Staff Writer

In today's age of reason, many people remain skeptical to the supernatural, and cater humor around these supposed myths near the time of the dance of souls as we come to a close of October.

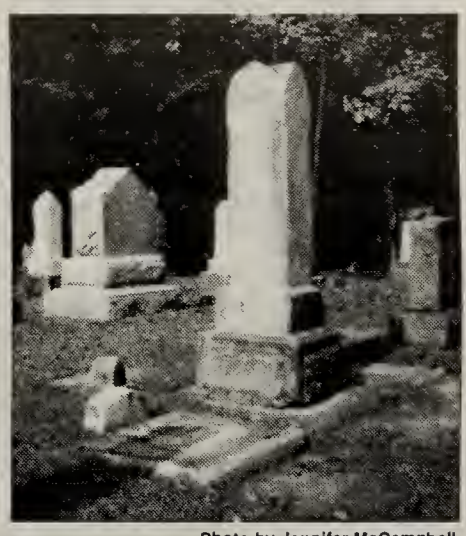
The feel of the undead and lost souls roam among the trees that surround the graveyard's tattered graves and leaves a creeping chill upon your spine, yet more comes to light in the history of Eagle Creek Cemetery also known as "Gypsy's Graveyard" in Lowell, Ind.

*With the mystery surround-*ing the area for decades, occults started up in the 1970s in the forest behind the site where rituals of Luciferian (ritual service and fellowship of Lucifer) worship took place to an unknown degree. "At the back of this cemetery, one can find fresh dirt from gypsy graves from the 1800s, according to Theshadowlands.net

"As you journey around the forest preserves on Fairbanks St. onto Reeder Road between Merrillville and Griffith, a girl named Elizabeth Wilson drowned in a swamp after the car she was riding in went off the road into the dark, forbidding waters," according to "Haunted Indiana."

"I've hopped the gate and went down the road for a thrill and got more than I deserved. As I turned back towards my truck I felt a presence overcome me and became chilled. It was like something was tugging on my guts," Michael Wirtz, a lumber yard laborer, said in "Haunted Indiana."

On the road as you enter into Gary, presumably Cline Avenue, from Hammond, Ind. (on Halloween) you can allegedly see the ghostly remnants of a woman who died after plunging into a small river *with her wedding gown on, the* weight held her down and drowned her. Her eerie form can



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Gypsy's Graveyard, is located in Lowell, Ind. It is supposedly haunted and full of occult activity.

Nader's Green Party pushes for support

ADAM RAVEN
Staff Writer

Why is the voter support for the Republicans and Democrats among the youth so low? Is it because the 18 to 24 year olds are ignorant of issues or are they uncaring, political illiterates? Not the case according to tracking polls where strength in numbers proves to be the case for the Green Party.

According to Reuters polls, Alaska holds 17 percent, Maine 11 percent, and nationwide 7 to 10 percent in Green Party support. More than two-thirds of the supporters are of college age. Those opposed may argue that

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PUC Lakers will take on IU Northwest at the "Kettle Classic" on Nov.1 at 8 p.m. at IU Northwest

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Get the 'FACTS' about an interest-free, monthly tuition payment plan

Early registration for the spring term begins this week. Registering early to maximize your chances of getting the classes you want at times most conducive to your personal schedule has been encouraged time and time again in this column.

In this week's Update we want to introduce to you a new tuition payment that, hopefully, will help make your decision to register early much easier.

The facts about FACTS

Purdue Calumet is pleased to offer the FACTS management payment plan, a low cost method for budgeting tuition and other educational expenses. This new program, which replaces the payment plan that had been administered by the Bursar's Office, makes possible monthly installment payments spread over your choice of four or five months.

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- FACTS Payment Plan brochures and agreement forms are available.
- If you have questions, please phone either FACTS Tuition Management Company at 800/609-8056, or the Purdue Calumet Bursar's Office at the above number.

At a glance

around campus

SWE to sponsor clothing drive

The SWE will be sponsoring its annual clothing drive. It will be held on Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot on 169th St. All proceeds go to The Ark, the Shelter for Homeless Women and Children, located in Gary, Ind. They will also be collecting "like new" hats, gloves and coats for children. These proceeds will go to Harvey and local elementary schools.

SGA starts petition drive to benefit college students

The SGA will be leading a petition drive for an Indiana College student tax exemption on textbooks. For more information or to the sign the petition contact the SGA at 989-2394 or stop by the office in SFLC 324-G.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. sponsors mitten drive

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. will be sponsoring a mitten drive. You can help local area children by dropping off new mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and earmuffs in the designated boxes around campus. All donations will be distributed to area children.

Society for Human Resource Management to host contest

The Society for Human Resources will continue to host a contest until Nov. 10 in the SFLC Concourse from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Test your analytical skills. Guess the number of candy corns in a jar for $1. Local organizations have donated great prizes. For more information, stop by and see us.

Morris K. Udall Scholarship offered to students

PUC students in fields related to the environment, and Native American and Alaska Native students in fields related to health care and public policy are invited to apply for the Morris K. Udall scholarship.

The deadline for submitting applications for the scholarship is Feb. 5, 2001. All applications must be submitted to Michael Gealt, dean of the school of Engineering, Mathematics and Science. For further information call Gealt at 989-2468. For more information on the scholarship check out www.udall.gov

Gamers Guild seeks players

Purdue University Gamers Guild is an organization for students interested in role-playing games, such as Dungeons & Dragons and White Wolf (Mage: The Ascension, Vampire: The Masquerade). Those of all skill levels are invited, and experience is not required. PUGG meets on Mondays from 6:30-11 p.m. in SFLC-305 and Fridays from 6:30-11 p.m. in Gyte-108. Additional times will be announced at a later date. For more information contact PUGG President Will Race at lordwill@hotmail.com.

Los Latinos seeks new members

Los Latinos is seeking new members. Membership is open to all PUC students. Meetings will be held on Nov. 6, Nov. 20 and Dec. 4 at 8 p.m. in SFLC-321. For more information contact Ray at 844-1371 or e-mail Jose at Bigboy15@hotmail.com

Black Student Union to sponsor talent/fashion show

The Black Student Union will be hosting their annual talent/fashion show on Dec. 6, 2000 in Alumni Hall from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Both students and non-students are welcome to come out and audition. Auditions will be held Oct. 30 and Oct. 31 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Alumni Hall. For more information, contact Akili Sadiki in the BSU office at 989-3126.

Society for Human Resource Management announces fall meetings

The Society for Human Resources Management's meetings for the fall semester is as follows: Nov. 7, Nov. 21 and Dec. 5. All meetings will be at 5 p.m. and in Gyte-108. If you are unable to attend, but still wish to participate, e-mail Tony Hobson at pucshrmpres @yahoo.com

Mentors wanted

The Perkins Mentoring Program is looking for students to work as mentors. Mentors help incoming freshman become acquainted with the university environment. The pay starts at $6 per hour and hours are flexible. For more information contact Nikki Fitzgerald or Miriam Williams at 989-2664 or stop by Gyte-171.

Quote of the Week

'The great artists of the world are never Puritans, and seldom even ordinarily respectable.'

-Henry Louis Mencken
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Nader

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spoiler vote for him in the run against Republican hopeful George W. Bush, governor of Texas. According to Gallop polls and CNN's show "Crossfire," Nader seems to attract those who have not participated in elections before or are already independents.

"It would take more than just a party. I think it would take a president that would actually work with younger people, instead of taking us for granted," Ben Fraley, a junior majoring in computer programming, said.

Nader's education platform found on VoteNader.com states, "The United States stands now as the richest nation in the history of the world. The federal government is set to benefit from substantial budget surpluses. What possible excuse is there for not investing sufficient resources in education — an investment which, incidentally, pays off for society even in narrow monetary terms? The federal government must immediately provide full funding for Head Start. Guarantee pre-school education for all children. Ensure that the nation's crumbling schools are repaired within three years, work to shrink class size so that elementary school classes are no larger than 15 students and secondary classes no larger than 20. Provide a guarantee that no child attends a class larger than 25 in a core subject, and guarantee free tuition to public university or community college for all high school graduates.."

"For years, third parties have been something of a fringe element. However, as fewer young voters identify with either the Republican or Democratic parties, candidates such as Ralph Nader seem more appealing," Rob Pongsajapan, an Indiana University-Bloomington senior from Crown Point, said.

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Hauntings

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after plunging into a small river with her wedding gown on, the weight held her down and drowned her. Her eerie form may now be seen. Also the gruesome site of a girl who got in an accident may be seen there roaming the area in her own world or purgatory if you may.

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AIDS: it's still here

In the United States today the amount of AIDS related deaths are down. This figure obviously has us all off guard. Americans don't seem as concerned about it as they did say 10 years ago. This information comes from the number of AIDS infections that are ever increasing. Just because we aren't dying as soon, people think it is time to stop worrying. Cases of death are decreasing due to the medications that are now being used to treat this disease. It prolongs the life of the person, but does not insure it. Much like Cancer, AIDS is a disease that still has no cure and will be with us all for a long time to come. Last year there were 773,374 cases of AIDS reported in the United States alone. It is not going away!

College-aged students are at a great risk right now and their behaviors do not show signs of diminishing. Once the drinking age is attained, it seems a free-for-all for reckless behavior begins. The consequences are not being looked at as strenuously as they perhaps should be. People get drunk and do things they don't even remember the next day. What if one of those things was having unprotected sex with someone they did not even know. There can be disastrous results that started with behavior that impaired their thought process.

These decisions not only involve you, but your family and friends as well. If you don't think about yourself, at least think of them. It has to be torture to watch someone you love go through something like this.

*Many are still under the assumption that this is a dis*ease for homosexuals or drug users. Although homosexual relations comprise almost 50 percent of the cases and drug users 25 percent, this does not mean it is restricted to these cases alone. Heterosexual relations and passing from mother to child are some of the other ways to contract this disease. Mothers pass the virus to their unborn children through blood, during the delivery process and in their breast milk. Due to the screening of blood that is done these days, it has lowered the chances of contamination from others' blood.

In 1999, the highest percentage of infection was among African American and Hispanic women. Men and women between 13 and 24 years are at the most risk due to their behaviors and many students at this campus fall into that age bracket.

Fear is what keeps many from confronting the possibility of infection. Yet consider the consequences. Without knowing if infected, it can be passed to other sexual partners. Although there is blood screening done, if you don't know that you are infected there is the chance that you will give contaminated blood. The health department has recently changed the time for testing for HIV/AIDS. Instead of being tested every six months, one should be tested every three months.

Purdue's campus has a high population of nursing students who deal with patients and needles everyday. It is important that they are as safe as possible because they never know if a needle they get stuck with may have infected blood. They take a risk every time they deal with this type of situation.

Last year in Indiana, there were 5,722 cases of AIDS reported and 3,272 cases of infection of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.If you have questions about HIV/AIDS you can call the Indiana Hotline at 1-800-848-2437.

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The People Speak

Question of the Week: Whom will you vote for in the presidential election? Why?

Paul Saylor
sophomore, undecided
"Nobody because the two parties are the same and they are just going to play to corporate interest."

Sarah Puhek
freshman, public relations
"I'm voting for Gore because he seems to care about everyone and I agree with more of his issues. Bush just seems to favor the wealthy."

Doug Schwerin
senior, mechanical engineering
"I would not vote because of the lack of candidates."

Steve Raketic
senior, mathematics
"Bush because he stands for something and he is pro-military."

Nova Carden
sophomore, electrical engineering
"I would vote for Gore because it would be great late night comedy every night."

Renate Fishtorn
sophomore, biology
"Bush, he is not part of the Clinton Administration."

Nader will help by dropping out

U-WIRE

Green Party candidate Ralph Nader should drop out of the presidential race for the benefit of the future of this country.

Since his campaign announcement, he has continued to take away votes from Democratic candidate Al Gore and now, less than two weeks away from the election, is taking an even greater number of the votes from swing states that could mean the difference between having Al Gore or George W. Bush in the White House.

Oregon and Washington could be the deciding states on Nov. 7, in what is called the tightest election in 40 years. And with Ralph Nader's presence as "the other liberal," he is posing a threat to a country that gives women a right to choice or provide a strong voice for the middle class.

A new conservative Supreme Court could be appointed by Bush if Nader continues to take votes away from Gore, as at least three justices are expected to retire with the next administration.

Granted, Nader did put out a good campaign. From someone who was known mostly for his consumer advocacy, he was able to run for the presidency and get an average of a whole 5 percent, which isn't an easy task.

And looking at the big picture, maybe this country failed Nader.

The Federal Election Commission never did allow Nader or Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan to participate in the four debates because they were constantly lower than the 15 percentage points required in the polls.

And most of the press in this country didn't give Nader a reporter for daily coverage as most did with the Gore and Bush campaigns. But would a right-minded editor allow one of his reporter to follow the Nader campaign when he showed single-digit polls and would have no reasonable chance of winning? Would you bet your money in a horse race for a horse that never ran before and no other horse of his breed ever won before? I wouldn't.

But again, Americans missed out on Nader's agenda and how he is going to clean up Washington D.C. and crush the corporate power that now engulfs the nation's capital.

And since we missed out how he plans to save Social Security by the time myself and other undergraduates at Northeastern plan to retire and what his plans are for education, how will Americans be able to make a sound vote for a candidate we know practically nothing about?

Nader says he's going to clean up Washington and my question is: Can't Nader continue to watch over Washington as he's done since 1971 without becoming president? When he founded Public Citizen, a consumer watchdog group, he was "working for consumer justice and government and corporate accountability" without holding public office. Why now?

Letter to the editor

Is there sufficient training for emergency response team?

This letter is dealing with the issue of the bomb threat story that appeared in *The Chronicle* recently. It seems to me, that not enough was done to identify one key and very crucial issue, in this article. This issue is this, does the staff and security at PUC have special training in how to identify a bomb?

The article states: **"Even when there is not a campus evacuation, it does not mean that there is no action taken. Zwier commented, 'An emergency response team, composed of university staff members, are dispatched to the location in question and search for evidence of an actual bomb,' Zwier said."**

So my question is this: does the "emergency response team" have some special training in spotting potential deadly bombs?

I see this as a crucial point, because if they do have such training, then I would say that what they are doing is fine by me, and will continue to put my trust in them as the experts. But, if this team has no prior training in "bomb evidence searching", then I would say that we here at PUC, have a real problem that needs to be addressed immediately.

Dan Witten
sophomore, information systems & computer programming

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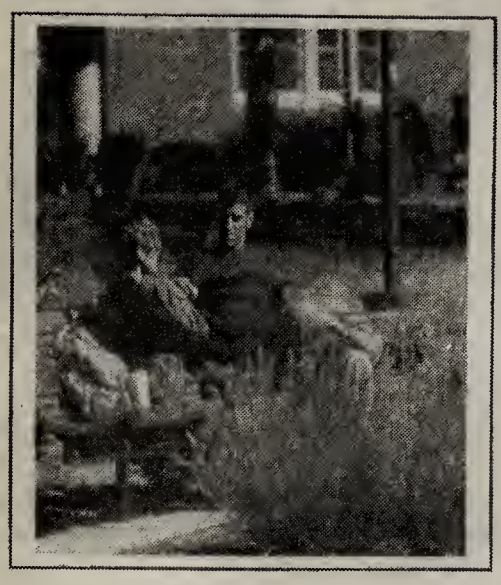

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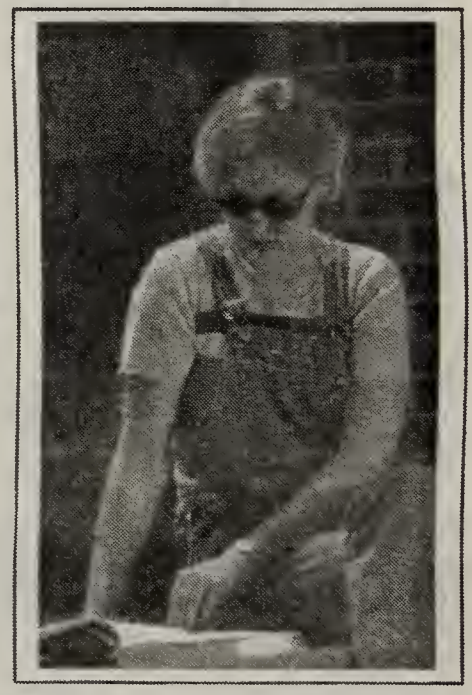

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'Pay It Forward' not worth the cost

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'Pay It Forward' doesn't cash in.

"Pay It Forward" is the name of an 11-year-old's (Haley Joel Osment's) class project designed to change the world for the better. The plan calls for Osment to do one favor for three people, and in turn, those three people have to do the same for three more people and so on.

In other words, since Oprah's attempts haven't worked, Osment attempts to get the ball rolling on the much-needed procedure of healing the world. Sure sounds like a great idea for a movie, doesn't it? Too bad that's not what this picture is really about.

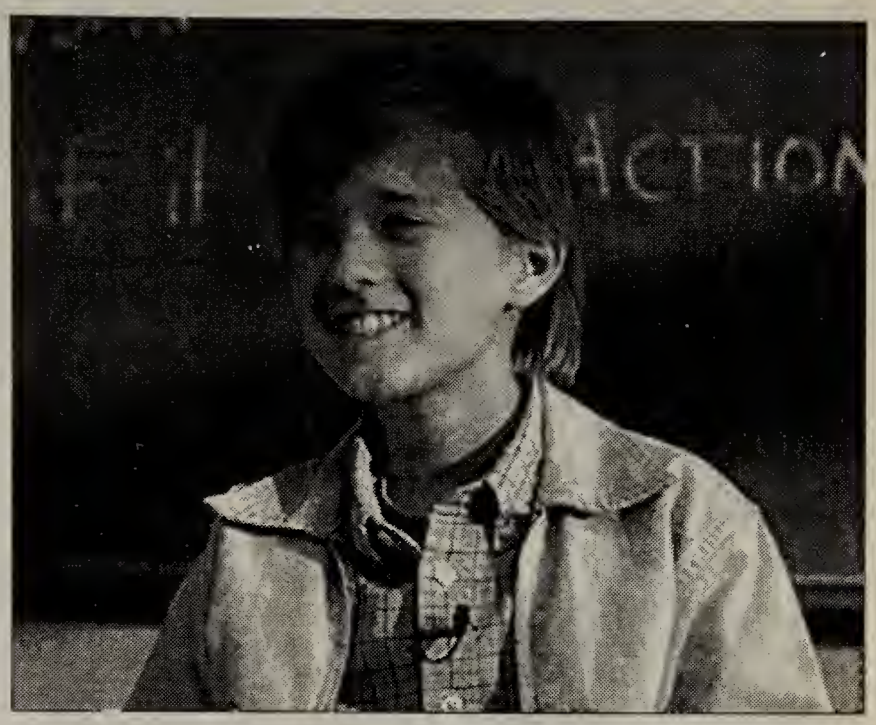
Movie	"Pay it Forward"
Actor	Helen Hunt
Rating	4 of 10

I remember this past August when people were complaining about "What Lies Beneath's" trailer; the masses said that it revealed too much of the film's storyline. I disagreed. I thought it simply prepared future audiences for the picture's supernatural flavor. Today let me be the first, of I'm sure many, many people, to complain about "Pay It Forward's" previews. The movie you'll see in theaters is not the one that Warner Brothers is pitching to you in those optimistic, feel-good commercials. In fact, it's far from it.

Ironically, the film is really about a cocky kid from a broken home conning his disfigured teacher (Kevin Spacey) into dating his alcoholic mother (Helen Hunt). Or is it? This picture is so incredibly flawed, both structurally and thematically that I cannot understand, for the life of me, how this film's title and "Oscar buzz" are being mentioned in the same sentence. Director Mimi Leder, who has helmed such monstrosities as "The Peacemaker" and "Deep Impact," pretends to be Quentin Tarantino as she jumps back and forth through time following the Spacey-Hunt self-pity fest and a reporter who is tracking down the origins of the Pay It Forward lifestyle. The trouble is, Leder is no Tarantino, and the audience doesn't know what is happening when. Sadly, by the time all the characters come together, Leder has created more confusion than President Clinton's definition of sexual relations.

But that's not all. Along the way, Leder introduces us to a steady diet of stereotyped personas including the aforementioned obnoxious reporter and a jive-talkin' thief, who happens to be the film's only significant black character. By the way, can't anyone make a movie that has a legitimate role for a black actor other than Denzel Washington?

Regrettably, "Pay It Forward's" shortcomings do not stop there. The film glosses over several would-be-compelling plot points, such as homelessness, child abuse, heroin addiction and alcoholism. But the icing on the cake is Leder's unbelievably manipulative and unforgivable ending. Don't worry, I won't "spoil it" for you. Unfortunately, Leder has already beaten me to it.



Haley Joel Osment stars in "Pay it Forward," where his class project proposes to change the world for the better.

'Bedlam Ballroom' is musically stimulating

JADE LEE CULBERSON
News Editor

I never realized that an album could be as visually stimulating as Squirrel Nut Zippers' latest effort. Nearly every song brought a clear image to my mind of what it would look like being performed. From the dimly lit club where a woman in an elegant, blue, shimmering dress would sing "Hush" while a man in a dark suit played piano, to the 1920s speakeasy where I picture "Baby Wants a Diamond Ring" sung by a woman in a flapper-dress and a long strand of pearls, I had mental pictures that kept my attention.

"Bedlam Ballroom" starts with a strong, almost Cajun tune called "Bedbugs," which is filled with a chant-like chorus that pulled me in immediately. The trumpet playing on this track was stunning, an amazing use of a recently under used instrument.

Katharine Whalen has a strong, powerful voice that drew me in so much during "Baby Wants a Diamond Ring," that I was surprised she didn't sing lead in as many songs as co-lead vocalist, Jimbo Mathus.

CD	"Bedlam Ballroom"
Artist	Squirrel Nut Zippers
Rating	7 of 10

Track eight, "Bedlam Ballroom" opens with a frenzied beat that continues throughout the song, which turns out to be acoustic, but so powerful that I found myself looking up expectantly at the compact disc player. "Bedlam Reprise," however, which lasts only 21 seconds, makes no sense and has no place on an album that flows so well otherwise.

This is not a compact disc that I would listen to while doing my homework, or anything else that required a lot of concentration, as it is one of the most relaxing albums I've heard come from what seems to be a somewhat alternative band. It does seem like it would be good listen to after a long day in order to unwind.

Although definitely not intellectually stimulating or lyrically interesting, the music is something to take notice of. In an era where so many bands seem to be concerned with outdoing each other in terms of controversy, Squirrel Nut Zippers put the focus back on showing what musical talent can do.

The Squirrel Nut Zippers return with their big-band and neo-jazz sound. They willbe performing at the 27th annual New York Village Halloween Parade, which will be broadcast live on the SCI FI Channel and on the USA network. Check your local listings.

UPSIDE-DOWN written by Rick Peregoy, illustrated by Solomon Shih

"Slow down a second Dad...You don't look so well and I want to jot this down, just in case.
A) You want to be buried in your good white suit and
B) We could cut down on cost overruns by not throwing out the batches that we burn...just sell it as extra crispy and
C) we should try a new slogan...like "Finger lickin'... "AAUCK?"
"AAUCK!"

Sometimes, even "famous last words" are subject to editing

'Bedazzled' sells its soul for laughter

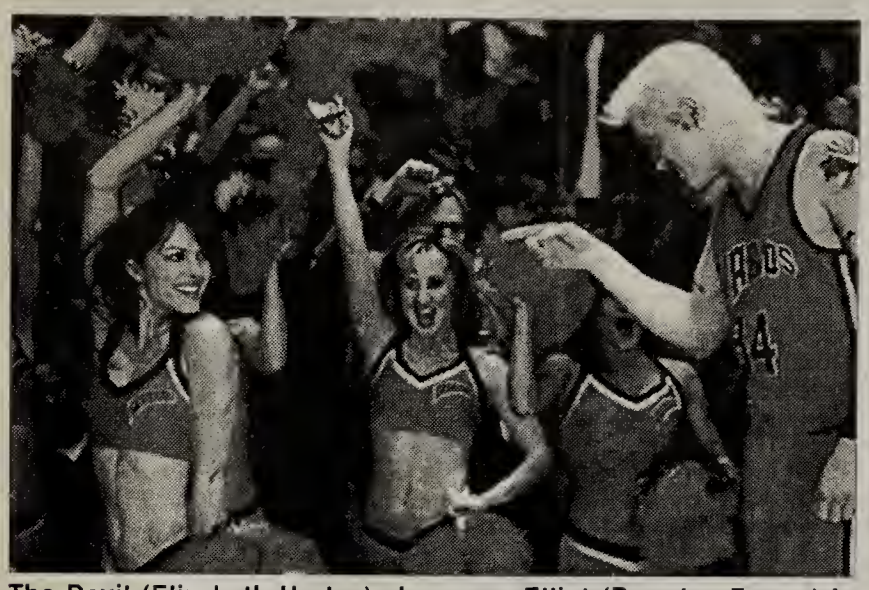
RICK PEREGOY
Entertainment Editor

There is an ancient Chinese proverb that says ; "Beware of what you hope for because you just might get it." Bedazzled, staring Brandon Fraser is a remake of a 1967 film. The new version is directed by Harold Ramis ("Ghostbusters"). Ramis with fellow screen writers Peter Tolan and Larry Gilbert use the original screen play as a sort of template that gets abstracted for some big laughs and small time moral righteousness.

The story begins with Elliot Richards (Fraser) as a person truly suffering from annoying personality disorder. He is a social outcast that tries to overcome the fact that he is a social outcast with his personality, the very reason that he is an out cast. He has a self-fulfilling prophecy and as a result, his coworkers try their best to avoid him.

Movie	"Bedazzled"
Actor	Elizabeth Hurley
Rating	7 of 10

He does however meet up with four of them at a night club where he inadvertently runs into the devil (Elizabeth Hurley) who happens to drive a Lamborgini Diablo. The beauty queen gets Elliot to sign a contract and buys his soul in exchange for seven wishes. Hurley puts a lip lock on Elliot that seemed to me to make what to wish for obvious, but he instead decides that he would like to be rich and powerful and married to his coworker Alison Gardner. He doesn't exactly paint in a lot of details for his wishes and as a result the devil gets him on one technicality after another. Sure, he is rich and powerful and married to Alison, but in this world he is a Brazilian drug lord and the sweet and innocent Alison, is promiscuous. Fraser perfectly captures each of Elliot's new personas.



The Devil (Elizabeth Hurley) cheers on Elliot (Brendan Fraser) in "Bedazzled."

Alison (Frances O'Connor) is wooed by Elliot (Brendan Fraser) in "Bedazzled."

The movie begins to take on a pattern of Elliot making a wish and then the devil screwing it up. He is a 7-foot-six basketball star with an implied lack of endowment. One of his wishes is to be the most sensitive man in the world because sensitivity appeals to Alison. The result is that of a miserably sensitive sap who can't even bear to look at the sunset. This scene had the entire packed cinema in an uproar. It was truly hilarious. The movie dragged on at times payoffs are more frequent than the lulls.

Fraser proves to imself as a valid comedic actor and Hurley turns in a solid performance.

The film alludes to the premise that people should be satisfied with the hand that they're dealt. It is at the very least worth the price of a matinee viewing.

Sunday nights will never be the same

JIM SABIN
Staff Writer

Seven years ago the pilot episode of a sci-fla. television series was broadcast over Fox's airwaves. At the time, the upstart network had begun to establish itself with the aid of three hits, "The Simpsons," "Married with Children," and "In Living Color." Needless to say, Fox was looking for a fourth. Little did studio executives know that they had found it with Chris Carter's "The X-Files."

I recall that Friday evening when two unknown actors (David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson) first appeared on my television screen. It wasn't as if I had been exposed to any promotions telling me how tremendous this show was going to be. On the contrary, it was a Friday night and I had the social life of the Unibomber. Needless to say, I got hooked on the show.

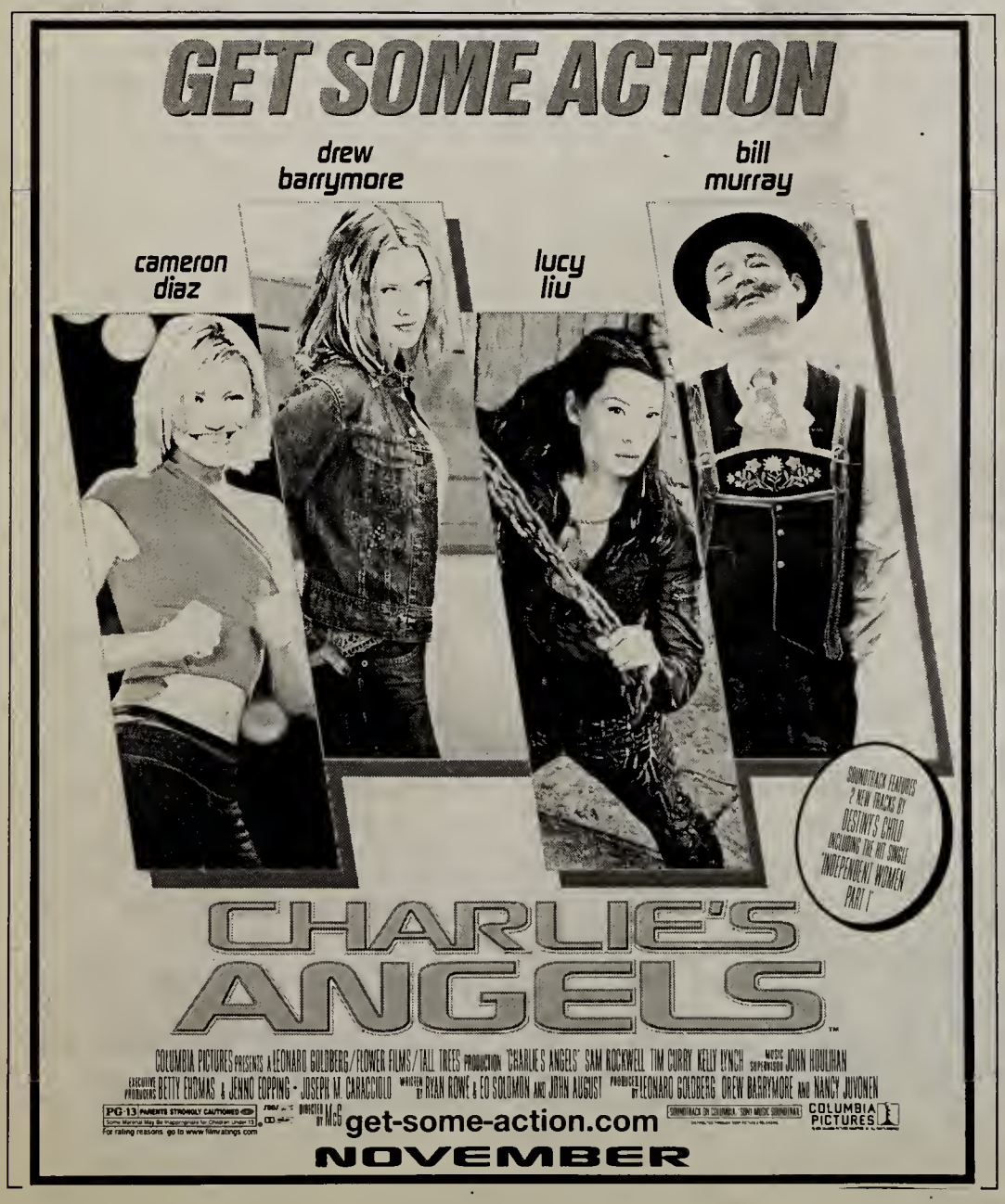
TV	"The X-Files"
Actors	David Duchovny, Gillian Anderson
Rating	9 of 10

Actually to simply call "The X-Files" a ratings-grabber would be an understatement. This show has become larger than life spawning numerous rip-off series.

For the past seven seasons, "The X-Files" has pulled in a tremendous following with its ongoing soap opera-esque story lines and engaging characters. Sure, at first my friends ridiculed me for naming my pet goldfish "Scully" and referring to my chain-smoking cousin as "Cancer Man," but in no time they, too, had fallen victim to "The X-Files'" charms and began to seek "the truth." Who couldn't? After all this is a show with an ongoing mythology so vast that it covers the "truth" about everything from smallpox vaccinations to the origin of the Bible, not to mention alien abductions.

For more than 150 episodes, fans of "The X-Files" have watched as Mulder and Scully (each in their distinct ways) have attempted to explain the paranormal. We've sat through conspiracy after conspiracy, most of which have run deeper than the layers of makeup on Vice President Al Gore's face.

After all is said and done 8 p.m. on Sundays will never be the same."The X-Files has tapped into something that may never be duplicated, but many will attempt it.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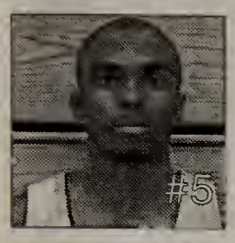
Chickens, turkeys, pheasants and quail will literally peck each other apart. Once cannibalism starts, it is hard to get it to stop. Some of the causes are overcrowding and flock nervousness, according to poultry specialist Earl W. Gleaves. Beak trimming is recommended and the people at PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) are more than likely crying into their salads.

2000 Lakers Basketball

Tom Cuozzo **#4**
Position: Forward
Height: 6'4
Year: Senior
Major: Elementary Education
Goals for the Season: "Be really strong on defense."

Andrew Hall #15
Position: Forward
Height: 6'3
Year: Junior
Major: Hospility Tourism
Goals for the Season: "To finsh at the top of the conference and bring respect."

Jeff Pogose #30
Position: Forward
Height: 6'3
Year: Senior
Major: Criminal Justice
Goals for the Season: "To win and go to Tulsa."



Warren Chumley **#5**
Position: Guard
Height: 6'0
Year: Freshman
Major: Biology
Goals for the Season: "Put my hardest on the court and do my best at all times."

Brain Anton #20
Position: Guard
Height: 6'2
Year: Junior
Major: Sociology
Goals for the Season: "Keep turnovers down and play good defense."

Eric Beard #40
Position: Forward
Height: 6'6
Year: Freshman
Major: Undecided
Goals for the Season: "Pick up the intensity and get ready for the conference."

Dion Banks **#10**
Position: Guard
Height: 6'0
Year: Junior
Major: Fitness Management
Goals for the Season: "Get better everyday, do the little things that help win games."

Ray Stringer #21
Position: Guard
Height: 5'11
Year: Sophomore
Major: Business Management
Goals for the Season: "Play together as a team for our main force is defense."

Doug Robertson #50
Position: Center
Height: 6'9
Year: Junior
Major: History Education
Goals for the Season: "Be confident and respectful and go to nationals."

Brandon Williams #12
Position: Guard/Forward
Height: 6'3
Year: Freshman
Major: Computer Science
Goals for the Season: "To work hard and get better."

Aric Graham #22
Position: Guard
Height: 6'2
Year: Senior
Major: Finance
Goals for the Season: "To get better, work hard, and win games and conference."

Travis Schmidt #52
Position: Center
Height: 6'5
Year: Senior
Major: Human Resources
Goals for the Season: "Focus on defense."

Shawn Enstrom #13
Position: Guard
Height: 6'2
Year: Junior
Major: Sociology
Goals for the Season: "Bring everything together as a team."

Jason Gonzalaz #23
Position: Guard
Year: Freshman
Major: Criminology
Goals for the Season: "To improve everyday and stay together as a team."

Stay tuned for your 2000 Lady Lakers basketball team...

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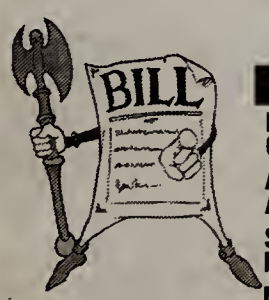

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